



# Saintly News

*January 25, 2018*

**Remember to like us on Facebook!**



We have had many things to celebrate in January at IHM! It is a great time to be a **SAINT!!!** Our eighth graders took their high school placement tests in December to prepare for their entrance into high school. We are overwhelmingly proud of this particular class! There were a total of **7** IHM students who received scholarships to their future high schools. We offer congratulations to the following students who were scholarship recipients:

**Saint Henry District High School:**

George Barsan

Charlie Barsan

**Notre Dame Academy:**

Samantha Mazzaro

Margaret Merse

Chaye Bonner

**Covington Catholic High School:**

Steven Weil

Zach Smith

In other news, IHM students who participated in the Governor's Cup Competition did amazingly well! The following are the standings for IHM:

- IHM's Academic Team placed **2<sup>nd</sup> overall**
- IHM's Quick Recall Team placed **1<sup>st</sup> overall**
- IHM's Future Problem Solving team placed **1<sup>st</sup> overall**
- Math Competition: 1<sup>st</sup> (George Barsan), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Charlie Barsan)
- Science Competition: 3<sup>rd</sup> (Jason Hackman), 4<sup>th</sup> (Zach Smith)
- Social Studies Competition: 5<sup>th</sup> (George Barsan)
- Language Arts Competition: 5<sup>th</sup> (Zach Smith)
- Arts and Humanities: 5<sup>th</sup> (Paige Arthur)

Congratulations to all of these students for representing IHM so well! Thank you, too, to the parents who give of their time to get their student to these competitions. #ihmreachhigher

Our students are also completing their winter MAP testing this week and next. Those reports will be sent home after all testing is complete.

We look forward to Catholic Schools Week next week! It is always such a special week for our school, students and faculty! THANK YOU for choosing IHM for your child!

Finally, please like our Facebook page, Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Lots of great pictures and information are posted. Please pass along the word to family members, as well, so that they can see what is going on at our school.

Blessings,

Mrs. Harper & Mrs. Marcos

## Dates to put in your Calendar

January	29 <sup>th</sup> – Feb. 2 – Catholic Schools Week
February	5 <sup>th</sup> – <b>No Bus Service – Private Transportation</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> – Tag Day – Student Council - .50 a student or \$1.00 a family 5 <sup>th</sup> - IHM Uniform Sale starts today through Idlebrook 12 <sup>th</sup> - PTO meeting/ Social Media Presentation in Library at 7:00 p.m. 13 <sup>th</sup> – Valentine Parties – 1:00 p.m. 14 <sup>th</sup> – <b>Ash Wednesday – mass times – 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:30pm, 7:00pm</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Ends 18 <sup>th</sup> - IHM Uniform Sale Ends through Idlebrook <b>19<sup>th</sup> – No School – Presidents Day</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> – Stations of the Cross – 1:30 p.m. 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Spirit Wear Day 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Club Pictures by Lifetouch 23 <sup>rd</sup> – <b>Report Cards will be released electronically only (NO PAPER COPIES)</b>
March	5 <sup>th</sup> – Stations of the Cross 8:00 a.m. 9 <sup>th</sup> - <b>No Bus Service – Private Transportation</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> - Estimated delivery date for the Feb. IHM uniform sale 12 <sup>th</sup> – Tag Day for Ed Colina Foundation 16 <sup>th</sup> – Spring Pictures by Lifetouch 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Spirit Wear Day 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Stations of the Cross – 1:30 p.m. <b>29<sup>th</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup> – No School – Spring Break</b>

## No Family Folder this week!

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## IHM Father/Daughter Dance – PAJAMA PARTY!! – January 27th

Father daughter dance is this Saturday 7-10! It's never too late to send in your money or pay at the door! Don't miss out on the games, dancing, food, drinks and fun!!! **Wear your pj's!!!** Thanks to those that have contacted me regarding working the event and/or donating a food item. We could also use help setting up and cleaning up so if you have a high school student that needs service hours please let me know!

Thanks

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## Box Top of Education

An easy way to earn a dime at a time. Box Tops for Education helps raise money for IHM by simply sending in the Box Top for Education coupon on many products we use every day. Clip the Box top and send to your child's class today! Box Tops will be collected from the classrooms monthly. Thanks to the JNHS for providing the service of helping count the box tops!

More info on the Box Tops for Education program can be found on **BTFE.com** or you can download the BTFE app today!

The JNHS will once again collect and count the box tops.

**The dates of the collections are:**

**FEB 26**

**MARCH 26**

**APRIL 9**

Questions feel free to contact Jennifer Ihrig at [ihrig@fuse.net](mailto:ihrig@fuse.net)

## Counselor's Corner

One of the greatest attributes we can teach our children is empathy. Empathy is sometimes confused with sympathy, so let's compare:

**Sympathy** is feeling compassion, sorrow, or pity for the hardships that another person encounters.

**Empathy** is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. Think of the old adage – “walk a mile in my shoes.”

The best way we can teach our children empathy is to actually empathize with them and let them see us showing empathy to others. When we empathize with our children, they develop trusting, secure attachments with us. These attachments are a vital part of getting kids to adopt our values and model our behaviors.

We can show empathy to our children by validating their feelings, understanding their personalities and taking a sincere interest in their lives. We model empathy by how we treat

others. Children notice how we deal with the waitress who makes a mistake or the person who cuts us off in traffic. We can also teach empathy by asking our children how they might feel if they were in certain situations they observe.

Empathy is an essential building block for equipping our kids to go out into the wider world. It builds good relationships, makes caring for others a natural part of life, and ultimately, it's a primary way of living out our faith.

## Youth Ministry News- IHM Children's Carnival

Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-8pm.



Please try to buy or sell your 20 raffle tickets

Class who sells the most raffle tickets gets a pizza party and their teacher a gift card!

Class who brings in the most donations gets an ice cream party!

**Still in need of regular 2-liters, cakes, baked goods, Pringles, new toys and silent auction items such as electronics, home goods, décor, outside items, services, gift cards.**

We also need adults and high school students to help set up on Friday afternoon into the evening and Saturday morning (8am-2pm) and to help clean up. We are in need of volunteers (6<sup>th</sup>- adults) from 1:45-5 and 4:45-8 on the day of the carnival. Contact Karen Gutzeit at [kgutzeit@ihm-ky.org](mailto:kgutzeit@ihm-ky.org) if you can help out.

*All proceeds benefit IHM youth ministry's retreats, mission trips and service projects. Since 1999, youth ministry has seen 3 priests, one nun, two campus ministers, three current seminarians, three religion teachers, teachers, social workers, doctors, nurses and countless other professions come through its program who are raising their children Catholic. Even 6 couples met through youth ministry and eventually married. You are making a difference by supporting the efforts of youth ministry. Thank you!*

## CLC News

CLC would like to thank the generosity of IHM families who helped with items for the Blessing Backpacks. With your help, we were able to put together 48 complete backpacks to be distributed to area homeless individuals.

*Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren, you do it to Me.*



## Catholic Schools Week – January 29<sup>th</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Monday – “Mystery Monday”**

Focus: We celebrate and pray for our community.

- Out of uniform day for students and teachers.
- Mystery Matching Game- match the teacher/staff to his/her baby picture.

There will be a prize for the class with the most correct answers. (K-3 and 4-8)

### **Tuesday – “Tacky Tuesday”**

Focus: We appreciate and pray for our students.

- Wear your tacky, mismatched outfit to school.
- NO HOMEWORK DAY
- Students receive a treat or special note of appreciation from homeroom teacher.

### **Wednesday – “Wonderful Wednesday”**

Focus: We appreciate and pray for our families.

- Random Act of Kindness Day- IHM will be sponsoring a Random Act of Kindness Day. Students are permitted to be out of uniform.
- Faculty vs. 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Volleyball Game in the afternoon.
- Students write notes of appreciation to parents for the sacrifices they make so that children may attend IHM School.

### **Thursday - “Thoughtful Thursday”**

Focus: We pray for Vocations

- Students may wear PJ’s (no slippers).
- Pray a decade of the Rosary in your classroom for Vocations.
- Class/grade level movie or bingo

### **Friday - “Football Friday/ The Souper Bowl”**

Focus: We appreciate and pray for our teachers and staff.

- Students may wear their favorite team shirt or jersey along with uniform pants if they bring in a canned good from Saint Vincent de Paul. There will be collection bins in the hallway.
- Breakfast for teachers and staff at 7 a.m.
- Each class will be assigned a staff member to show our appreciation for all that they do. (cards, spiritual bouquet, etc.)
- **We will have an All School Mass.**



## A place and time to get nourished, relax, and socialize!

My philosophy, as Cafeteria Manager, is to create an environment where our students can break away from their busy school schedule. They have been reading, writing, studying, testing and learning all morning and lunch time is their time to unwind and relax.

**Mondays** are a social time for all our students. They find seats within their class space and are able to mingle and socialize with other students within their grade.

**Tuesdays** are our **S.L.A.P. Stick Tuesdays!** SLAP is an acronym for Saints Love A Prize! All students who purchase lunch are able to pick a stick from my SAINTS Bag. If the stick has a color they get a “FREE SNACK”! If they pick a Rainbow colored stick they get *a free snack for themselves and a friend!*

**Wednesdays** are IHM CAFÉ Movie Day! Students are shown a “G” rated movie to enjoy while they eat their lunches.

**Thursdays** are another social time for our students. Every day of the week students are able to sit wherever they want within their grade.

Then comes ***DANCE PARTY FRIDAY!*** Music is played through the Dining Hall speakers for our students’ enjoyment! I choose music that is clean and appropriate but yet are hits for their age. The younger grades love to dance at the end of lunch and the upper grades just like to sit, listen and chat.

***SNACK PASS Program:*** Students are encouraged to eat half or more of their lunches before they are given a Snack Pass at their request. Monitors check your student’s lunch to be sure he/she has eaten sufficiently. Parents are requested to speak to their children about whether or not they can purchase snacks at the end of their lunch. Snacks have whole grain, low fat and low sugar content.

**IHM** and all diocesan lunch menus are developed through our Covington Diocese Food Service Director, Jackie Kaiser. Our products are purchased from Gordon’s Food Service, Velvet Ice Cream and Borden’s Dairy Products and follow the requirements of the National School Lunch Program. All areas of the “MyPyramid” are met to ensure that our students are given the best nutrition possible.

Thank you for your interest!

*Karen D. Koeppe, IHM Café Manager*











